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Proposal for a Supplement to the 01 series of Amendments to UN Regulation No. 55 (Mechanical couplings)

Submitted by the expert from Poland**

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Poland, introducing an editorial amendment to the UN Regulation No. 55, based on GRRF-86-34, clarifying the text of the Regulation. The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold for new and strikethrough for deleted characters.

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** In accordance with ECE/TRANS/274, para 52, with ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1139, para. 33 and with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2014–2018 (ECE/TRANS/240, para. 105 and ECE/TRANS/2014/26, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

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I. Proposal

Annex 1,

Item 9.3., amend to read:

"9.3. For class A mechanical coupling device or components, including towing brackets, **if applicable**:

... "

II. Justification

1. The Regulation requires to fill in item 9.3. if mechanical coupling devices and components class A are going to be approved. In the case of a coupling ball approval as a component only, this component is not dedicated for a specific vehicle. The requirement to fill in item 9.3. in case of component seems confusing as approved coupling ball shall be treated universally and can be used in different vehicles.

2. This proposal suggests filling in item 9.3. only in case of approval of completed mechanical coupling device. Therefore, it is proposed to amend the sentence and add ", if applicable".